

Offering Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory

Reggie Berg

Doxology #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank offering to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SENDING IN GOD'S LOVE

*Closing Hymn #765

Song of Hope

We will sing this in English, then in Spanish, then in English again.

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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*A Service for the Lord's Day
September 19, 2021 ~ 10:00 am
17th Sunday after Pentecost*

Parts of the service in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison.
Parts with an **asterisk *** mean that all are to stand in body or in spirit.

GATHERING TOGETHER

As the music begins, we invite you to use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here. Take these few minutes to silently prepare for worship and allow the Spirit to refresh you.

Prayer of the Day

Lord, I ask only this: that you would meet me on the road; and that I, expectant, would recognize and know you in your coming and so find my life transformed. ~ Pat Bennett

Gathering Music

Reggie Berg

Welcome

Dr. Jay Dee Conrad

Introit

Reggie Berg

*Call to Worship

Liturgist Norm Rasmussen

Leader: Creator of the World, eternal God,
All: We have come from many places for a little while.
 Leader: Redeemer of humanity, God-with-us,
All: We have come with all our differences, seeking common ground.
 Leader: Spirit of unity, go-between God,
All: We have come on journeys of our own, to a place where journeys meet.
 Leader: So here, in this shelter house, let us take time together. For when paths cross and pilgrims gather, there is much to share and celebrate.
All: In your name, three-in-one God, pattern of community. Amen.

Lighting the Christ Candle (unison) Norm Rasmussen
It is God, in the dawning, in the renewal, in the arrival, in the new day. Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life and let the light we kindle go before us, strong in hope, wide in good will, inviting the day to come.

*Opening Hymn #686 *God of Our Life*

*Prayer of Confession (unison)
Wisdom cries in the streets, but we do not listen or understand. You call us to declare who Jesus is for us, but we can't seem to get the right words out. Our tongues engage before our brains do. We want to be a people who are faithful to your word and led by your guidance, but we are easily distracted by the cacophony of words and sounds. Forgive us when we are quick to speak and slow to understand. Forgive us when we do not hear your wisdom in all the ways you speak to us. Lead us back to the path of wisdom and life, that we may truly live. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Love

*Response of Praise *Gloria Patri*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (unison) Norm Rasmussen
Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light in your truth and in your will discover peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Lesson Romans 8:18-25 Norm Rasmussen
Leader: Listen to the voice of the Spirit speaking to the church.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Jesus Loves Me* Chancel Choir
Bradbury/Debussy/Bock/Larson

Second Lesson and Sermon *Hope Against Hopelessness* Jeremiah 32:6-15

Moment of Silent Reflection

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

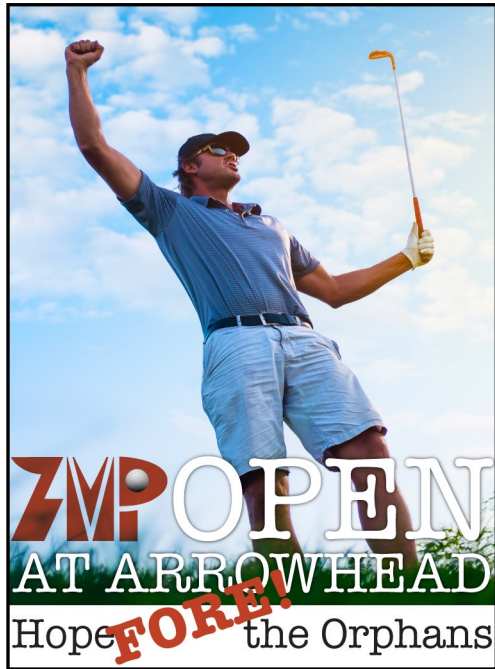
Affirmation of Faith (unison)
We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Call to Prayer Reggie Berg

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Unison)
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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The Tournament, held on Sept. 1 at Arrowhead Golf Course, was a huge success! 52 golfers participated at one of the most beautiful courses in America. One man from Central Presbyterian recruited three of his buddies to play with him. His evaluation gave the event an A+. He said it was absolutely one of the best, if not the best, golfing events he has participated in! High praise, indeed!.



Every item donated for the auction was sold! Thank you, Art Myers (for Jan) and Paul and Patty Steward. The ZMP Board has decided to leave the auction open for 2 additional weeks for the HCOC items. These include such needs as:

- Donations toward a motor bike, needed for travel to home visits during the muddy season when a truck is not a good option. The cost is \$1,600. Any donation toward this will be helpful.
- A borehole pump and pressure pump for the new Clinic. Cost: \$1,100.
- Supplemental Feeding Program, for children who are especially malnourished. A donation of \$300 will fund this special program for 3 children for 6 months!
- Medical supplies for the Clinic. \$150 will provide

necessary supplies, medications and reusable sanitary wear for 4 orphans for 1 year.

- \$75 will provide 2 meals per day for 40 orphans for 1 month at a feeding center adjacent to one of the schools served by HCOC.

ANY donation is welcome and much needed! You may donate through Good Shepherd by indicating on your check that it is for the HCOC. If you choose to designate for a particular need, please also note that on your check. As always, thank you so much for your continued support of the vulnerable/orphaned children in Zimbabwe. They depend on us!!



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Our Guest Preacher

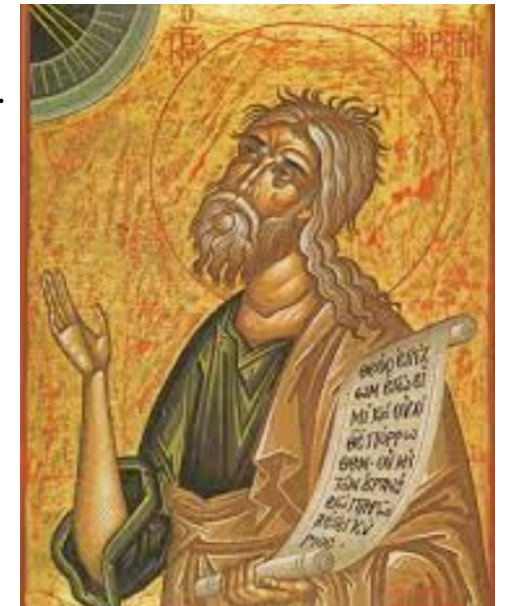
Jay Dee Conrad, our preacher today, is a retired Presbyterian minister. A graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary, his Doctor of Ministry thesis was on the theology of humor. Ordained in 1963, he served churches in Santa Maria, California; San Leandro, California; Medford, Oregon; and Los Alamos, New Mexico. He also served churches in Christchurch, New Zealand; Sydney, Australia; and Vienna, Austria. He and his wife, Andrea, have lived in Westminster since 2014 after moving here from Bend, Oregon. They have two sons and three grandchildren.

Sermon Musings

An important theme in Christianity is that of hope. A Concordance shows that the word “hope” appears in the Bible as a verb eight times and as a noun thirty-one times. Webster’s New World Dictionary’s first definition of hope is, “A feeling that what is wanted is likely to happen; desire accompanied by expectation.”

Hope against Hopelessness, today’s sermon title, is “to continue to hope though it seems baseless.”

~Rev. Jay Dee Conrad



Joys and Concerns

Please pray for those dealing with health issues: for Jane S.; for Gil and Karen Siebel; for Martha S.; for Maxine K; for all those grieving the loss of loved ones: for Julie K.'s family; ; Sue H.'s family; Sue C.'s family; the Burress' family; the Wilkison family; and for the family of Burton K., who is in memory care; for communities affected by COVID-19 or by human rights violations here in the United States and throughout the world; and for our church, that it may thrive as it brings the good news to our area.

Here's What's Happening

September 21 - Session Meeting 4 pm
- Choir Practice 7 - 8:15 pm

September 23 - Sometimes Circle at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall

September 26 - Welcoming Astin Lopez and saying goodbye to Reggie Berg and thanking David Blount for his service in the sound booth - brunch after worship.

September 30 - Jazzert II Concert - 6:30 - 8:00 pm

SOMETIME CIRCLE

Sometimes Circle's first fall meeting will be at 1:00 in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Sept. 23rd. All women are invited to attend. Mary McCarron has copies of the new Study book. Please see her or the church office about getting your copy! **If possible, please bring photos of one or both of your grandmothers to the meeting.**

September 26th - Saying Goodbye and Welcoming the New

It is part of the life cycle to say goodbye and welcome the new and we hope you can join us as we welcome the Chancel Choir's return to the sanctuary and our new Audio/Visual Tech Astin Lopez to our sound booth as well as recognize the ministry and service of David Blount who has been in our sound booth for 10 years and say goodbye to Reggie Berg our pianist of the last 5 months. We hope you can join us for our 10:00 worship service and a brunch to follow the service hosted by our Congregational life Committee.

Interfaith Immigration Network Presents *Vecinos*

October 13th, 27th

November 10th, 17th

A Faith-based Introduction to immigration history, resources & action

You are invited to join this 4-session 90-minute FREE program presented on Zoom.

The October Pod is Hearts & Minds: Faith based immigration practices - what in our collective faiths compel us to welcome the stranger? History of Immigration and Immigrant Voices - How do the stories from today's immigrants inform our beliefs and practices?

The November Pod is Faith into Action: How to be an ally - how can we learn to walk with our immigrant neighbors? Introduction to Immigrant Status and Resources and Resources and Actions for Allies

Please contact Rev. Sheri Fry at revmo25@gmail.com with your questions and/or to sign up.

Jazz-ert II is coming!

September 30th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Join Sara Love, Reggie Berg and Matt Burchard for a free evening of jazz and dessert.



Jazz-ert II
September 30 - 6:30 - 8 pm

Dear Church,

On behalf of the Session of Good Shepherd, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your donation to the repair of the sewer lines. We are grateful and happy for all the support you have given to the church to make this possible.

Through your donations, we have been able to accomplish all the repairs needed for healthy, happy bathrooms. You have truly made a difference and for this, we are extremely grateful!

Thank You, Pastor Sheri

